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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arnold Miller
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For: ENDOVASCULAR FASTENER AND GRAFTING
APPARATUS AND METHOD
Group Art Unit: 3731
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed August 28, 2003, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from November 28, 2003 to February 28, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

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